

Welcome to Saint Michael Lutheran Church & School

# “You Are Witnesses of These Things”

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 + 11:00 am

## MORNING SONG

(without Holy Communion)

(\* = please stand)

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### \* SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: People of God, let us come into His holy presence with sincere hearts and confess to Him our sin, that by His grace, we might receive His mercy and the forgiveness of our sins for the sake of our resurrected Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. *(We pause for a time of silent reflection and confession).* Almighty God. . .

C: **Our Heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, both by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. For all this we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us on the cross and is now risen from the dead, have mercy on us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Having heard your sincere confession, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce God's grace to you, and in the place and at the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42–47

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE READING: 1 Peter 2:19–25

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### \* RESPONSE *(Psalm 23, with an antiphon from John 10)*

A: I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know me,

C: **And I lay down My life for the sheep.**

A: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

A: He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.

**C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

A: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

**C: For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

A: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**\* HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\* APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SMLS CHOIR** (*Grades 3,4, and the Worship Team*)

*"Lord's Prayer"*

*"Yahweh (Psalm 84)"*

*"Doxology"*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**BIBLE MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**\* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Petitions conclude: "Lord, in Your mercy," to which all respond: "Hear our prayer"*).

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* BLESSING** (*including Hebrews 13:20-21*)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will

**C: And may He work in us what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

A: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Let us go forth in peace,

**C: In the name of the Lord.**

## \* CLOSING SONG

## POSTLUDE

### SERVING TODAY (4/26)

**Preaching and Assisting (A):** Rev. Dr. Paul R. Naumann

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Maske

**Praise Team Director:** Jane Connon

**Lay Minister:** Howard McNees, Dave Johnson

**Ushers:** Jesse Hogue

**Greeters:** Dar Swift, Meg Bess

**Lector:** Mark Ruesch

**Children's Message:** Pastor Maske

### NEXT WEEK (5/3)

*Rev. Daniel Maske*

*Jane Connon*

*Rich Conklin, Matt Heintz*

*Jesse Hogue*

*Mark & Kim Ruesch*

*Kerry Batten*

*Tammy Songer*

### **Acts 2:42–47**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### **1 Peter 2:19–25**

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **John 10:1–10**

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.